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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: COMMERCIAL SALE OF M-16 AMMUNITION

REFS: A. STATE 86289, B. BRUSSELS 3840, C. KINSHASA 3766

1. FOREGIN MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD US APRIL 20 THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES FOR GOZ COMMERICAL PURCHASES IN BELGIUM OF AMMUNITION AND ARMS, INCLUDING 4 MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMO. JAENEN SAID GOZ HAD INITIALLY REQUESTED THE AMMO AND ARMS ON A GRANT BASIS BUT HIS HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN. JAENEN SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET US COMPLETE GOZ SHOPPING LIST TO AWAIT INDIVIDUAL ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LECENSES.

2. JAENEN SAID GOZ REQUEST TO "BORROW" A C-130 AIRCRAFT TO HELP ALLEVIATE LOGISTICAL BACKLOG WAS TURNED DOWN FIRST BECAUSE BELGIUM DID NOT WISH "TO GET INVOLVED OPERATIONALLY" AND SECONDLY BECAUSE SUCH AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE MIGHT INHIBIT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT FROM RESPONDING FULLY TO ZAIRIAN REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

3. CONCERNING GOZ REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND
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SUPPLIES, BELGIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO PROVIDE ON A GRANT BASIS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND MEDICINES - INCLUDING POSSIBLY AN AMBULANCE. FUNDING FOR THIS GRANT WOULD COME FROM A PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED (MARCH 1977) BF 40 MILLION IN EMERGENCY AID. HE SAID THERE COULD BE SOME DELIVERY DELAYS OF CERTAIN MEDICAL ITEMS BECAUSE OF STOCK SHORTAGES.RENNER

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